

I'm opposed to this petition for the following reasons:

1. The so called high fidelity audio, has not been a problem for the vast majority of operations on the amateur bands, it only involves a very few stations experimenting with it.
2. Self policing still works, we do not need additional rules to fix every little problem which may appear from time to time.
3. This has become a highly charged emotional issue. We have no business enacting laws and rules based on emotion and in-fighting for frequency turf and what one group feels may not be correct operation procedures ect of another group.
4. Most modern day commercial transmitters would not be able to meet the 2.8 KHZ bandwidth requirment. In my opinion a simple audio filter as proposed by the petition would not make a transmitters bandwidth to be less.
5. Amateur radio is a public service, we have a vast reserve of trained operators and highly skilled technicians, inventors and engineers along with an extensive bank of equipment and radio networks at the nations disposal in times of emergency. In addition amateur radio has provided a place for experimentation into new modes of communication and other technical advances in many areas. Additional rules no matter how small and insignificant in my opinion would stifle experimentation and novel thinking, adding nothing to our capability in times of national emergencies.
6. There are more bandwidth problems with over driven and misadjusted high power amplifiers than with hams experimenting with audio going into the microphone input of their transmitters. Setting a bandwidth limit of 2.8 KHZ would not eliminate this much larger problem.
7. The current rules regarding bandwidth are clear and do not need to be further defined. Tighter rules mean more oversight which will cost more money and bring no benefit to the public.
8. There is not a systematic problem. Current rules and plans are adequate, logical and need no additional clairification. The amateur service is self policing. We have an offical observer network which works at no cost to the taxpayer. To specifiy a bandwidth would only make enforcement MORE difficult and a burden on already tight resources.

In my opinion this petition carries no merit and should be dismissed immediately so as not to take up anymore time and resources of all parties concerned.

These are my comments.

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